

## 17,000 WORKERS SPEED UP RED CROSS DRIVE IN NEW YORK

had the basement just a few minutes before the explosion occurred. He says that when he passed the steps he turned his flashlight on the place where the explosion took place and saw a flash, and at that time there was nothing there.

The Governor was probably the nearest of the group that surveyed the wrecked mansion, and when his attention was attracted to the place where the explosion took place he saw a flash, and at that time there was nothing there.

Detectors searched downtown rooms without success for a man said to have been seen in the neighborhood of the mansion at an early hour in the evening.

William D. Stephens became Governor of California last spring when Gov. Hiram W. Johnson assumed his duties as United States Senator. Previously Stephens resigned as Representative in Congress at the solicitation of Gov. Johnson, who appointed him Lieutenant Governor to succeed the late John K. Ebleman.

Last week Gov. Stephens made a series of patriotic addresses in Southern California, dealing largely with the duties of Californians in supporting the National Government during the war.

## 'PETIT JESUS' COMING BACK TO CHILDREN OF FRANCE

American Woman Brings Santa Claus, Banned by the Germans for Three Years.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THIS FIELD, Dec. 18.—For three years "Petit Jesus" has stayed away from France. Six-year-old Jean Dupont, in his home in the ruined village of Audincourt, explained today why the "Petit Jesus" who takes the place of Santa Claus for the little French children, has shunned Audincourt for three years.

"He didn't like the Germans," Jean confided in a halting voice. "The 'Petit Jesus' (Little Jesus) wouldn't come when the Germans were here."

Jean could not withhold excitement at the prospect of putting his tiny wooden sabot before the fireplace on Christmas Eve. He is also looking forward to visiting the battered village church, in which he faintly remembers seeing the "Petit Jesus" with a tinseled halo above his head, lying there in the manger, just as he did at Bethlehem.

Jean's little brother, Marcelle, aged three, doesn't believe the "Petit Jesus" will come. Marcelle's mother said he would. But Jean's information comes from an American lady who arrived to bring him a new bed for the bare room in which Jean, Marcelle, the three sisters and mother have slept since returning from another destroyed village where they had lived after the Germans retreated in March and blew up Audincourt.

Jean is keeping his knowledge secret. The American lady told him to—because even Jean's mother doesn't know. The village cure—he knows, because he's been talking to the American lady. Last Christmas the Germans wouldn't permit the "Fete du Noel" in the church. They were using the church for other purposes.

But, miraculously, the plaster of paris image of the Christ Child, which represents Christmas to them, has lived safely through the destruction of Audincourt.

Therefore the "Petit Jesus" will again be in the manger of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

## GERMANS SAVED TWO AS JACOB JONES SANK

Original Report Said That One Who Spoke German Had Been Taken by U Boat.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Two sailors were saved by the Germans from the American destroyer Jacob Jones, according to an official German announcement received here today.

The Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on Dec. 8 and eight men on board were listed as missing. Survivors reported that one American who spoke German was taken away a prisoner on the submarine.

Soldier Dismissed for Not Allowing Removal of Ammunition.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 18.—Because he refused to have his ammunition removed, Private John H. Smith, 122d Infantry, Camp Wheeler, has been dishonorably discharged by court martial, and the sentence has been approved by the division commander.

**NUTS**

NEW CROP NOW IN

Direct producers and distributors of the finest nuts grown!

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

All day on next Monday and Monday our service facilities will be taken to their utmost in attending to the wants of customers who cannot stop early this week. Therefore, as a special favor, I specially request of all who can do so that they place their orders for Christmas nuts before Saturday. Thank you!

Telephone Cortlandt 4159.

**CSCASH**

225 FULTON ST. N.Y. (Between Broadway and West Street)

Don't pass a single Salvation Army Kettle without dropping

in at least a nickel.—Advt.

## BRITISH WARSHIPS MADE HARD FIGHT AGAINST BIG ODDS

Did Their Best to Protect Convoys Merchantmen—One Sank in 10 Minutes.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Testimony given at the inquest over the victims of the German attack on the British convoy in which a destroyer, six merchantmen and four trawlers were sunk shows that the attack occurred between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning and that the enemy destroyers fired as fast as possible for a few minutes. A Swedish steamer was torpedoed twice, the second torpedo cutting the vessel completely in two. Of the crew of twenty hands on board it sixteen were either killed or are missing.

A despatch from Christiania says it is believed that most of the men in the crews of the merchantmen in the convoy were saved. The merchant vessels had time to retire while the outnumbered British destroyers and trawlers engaged in a desperate fight with the Germans, and the crews of the merchantmen took to the boats.

One British destroyer (The Partridge) sank after ten minutes of brave fighting. The crew of the other destroyer (the Pelew) continued to serve its guns until disabled. After disposing of the convoying vessel, the Germans turned their attention to the merchantman and sank them, one by one.

The entire crew of the trawler Lord Alveston was saved in one of its own boats. The casualties on the Pelew were one officer and three men killed and two wounded seriously.

Information regarding the crew of the Partridge is incomplete, but a report from Kiel tells of the taking there of three officers and twenty-one men from the Partridge and of one officer and twenty-five men from the trawlers.

A despatch from Kiel says that Lieut. Grey, a nephew of Viscount Grey, of the destroyer Partridge, is a prisoner. He was wounded by a shell splinter. During the fighting Lieut. Grey took over command from the fallen commander of the destroyer.

The convoy was made up of the following steamships: Holista, Norwegian, 1,701 tons gross; King Magnus, Norwegian; Bothnia, Swedish, 1,697 tons; Torlef, Swedish (Torlef, 555 tons); Maasabo, Danish; Cordova, British.

There were two British steamships Cordova, each of about 2,300 tons. The Bolista was torpedoed and sank in fifteen minutes. One of her boats, with eleven of the crew and four passengers, reached land after being out for fifteen hours. A lifeboat from one of the Swedish steamers, with fifteen persons, also reached port, although it was blowing a gale.

Contrary to the custom of the Germans, one of their destroyers offered assistance to one of the Bolista's boats.

According to Danish accounts, the force which attacked the convoy consisted of four cruisers in addition to destroyers. A painful aspect of the affair from the British public's point of view, is that apparently all the attacking vessels escaped and returned to their bases. Another unpleasant feature is that the British cruiser squadron detailed to protect the convoy against surface attacks, for some unexplained reason, was not on the scene.

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## Fair Red Cross Workers Enroll Members at Booths All Over City



## GERMANS ANGERED BY LLOYD GEORGE'S TALK OF BANDITS RAILWAY TROUBLES

Chancellor Hertling Says Their Course in West Is Now "Made Clear."

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Germany's way in the west is clear, inasmuch as a peace by negotiation, with Great Britain is out of the question at present, Chancellor von Hertling asserted in an interview given to the director of the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news agency, as quoted in despatches reaching London today.

The interview was given in response to a request for a reply to the recent speech of Premier Lloyd George, who said he would regard peace overtures with Prussia at the moment the Prussian military spirit was drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the great trust with which he and his colleagues had been charged.

"Lloyd George calls us criminals and bandits," said the Chancellor. "Modern wars are not won by incentive, but, perhaps, rather prolonged thereby, because it is clearly out of the question to negotiate with men of such temper. For some time it has been impossible for an attentive observer to doubt that the British Government, under Lloyd George's leadership, is completely inaccessible to the idea of a just peace by understanding. His speech affords convincing proofs of this."

The Chancellor then discussed the origin of the war, saying Germany's conscience was clear.

"More than a year has passed," he said, "since we and our allies offered the enemy the hand of peace. It was rejected. In the meantime our reply to the Papal note again set forth our standpoint."

After referring to the conclusion of the armistice with Russia, the Chancellor went on:

"Lloyd George's speech is the British answer to the Papal note. Our way in the west accordingly is clear. It is not Lloyd George who is judge of the world, but history. As on Aug. 2, 1914, so also today we may look forward to its verdict with equanimity."

CITY ACTS FOR MAIL TUBES.

Aldermen Appeal to Congress for Necessary Appropriation.

The Board of Aldermen this afternoon passed resolutions protesting to Congress against the proposed curtailment of the city's mail facilities, and urges that a sufficient appropriation be made to continue the pneumatic mail tube service. It is argued that when storms impede traffic attempts to carry mail in auto-trucks are not only a failure but add to the congestion.

The postal service in New York City shows a profit of \$20,000,000 a year. The pneumatic tube system is declared to be the least expensive and the quickest way to dispatch mail. Congress is appealed to because, in the Postmaster General's appropriation bill, there is no provision to continue the pneumatic tubes.

Cures Colds in China. LAXATIVE. BROWN'S GINGER TABLETS. E. W. GIBSON'S signature on box. 20c.

## SENATE DENOUNCES SHIP BOARD DELAYS, ORDERS INQUIRY

Squabbling and Red Tape Assailed as New Reorganization Is Announced.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The United States Shipping Board, that for months has talked about building ships and has not done much building, was brought under scathing fire in the Senate today, and its inefficiency and internal squabbles denounced on all sides. An immediate investigation of the whole situation was ordered.

The resignation of Rear Admiral Harris as head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, after a brief experience with the Shipping Board, brought the subject to a climax that exposed amazing confusion and lack of accomplishment in the building of America's great merchant fleet which had been announced would win the war.

Senator Harding of Ohio led the Senatorial attack, saying: "I think Congress ought not to take a holiday recess without making provision for investigation of the Federal Shipping Board. I am deeply impressed with the failure of the Shipping Board in this great emergency of the nation. We have appropriated billions of dollars for construction of merchant ships. Since last spring we have witnessed the passing of Gen. Goethals, of Mr. Denman, of Admiral Capps, and this morning of Admiral Harris."

"The shipping situation is most discouraging. There is little use for the nation to provide an army if it cannot transport and sustain it. The waning of the war depends on our strength on the sea. It is a crime that the money placed in the hands of the Shipping Board should be so illy handled. I do not pretend to know what are the difficulties, but the Senate can render no greater service to the country than to make a determined investigation into this business."

Senator Fletcher of Florida, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, having jurisdiction over shipping legislation, had no apologies to make for the failure of the shipping administration.

"I feel most keenly the need of a merchant marine," he said. "There seems to be no reason why better progress has not been made."

Senator Chamberlain of Washington, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee which is investigating the failures and delays in ordnance for the Army, denounced the Shipping Board and its policy.

"The Pacific Coast is beginning for opportunity to build wooden ships for private account," he said. "The material and men are there, but held back by Government restrictions. I do not mean to charge irregularities, but the Shipping Board seems to have resolved itself into a debating society without being able to accomplish anything."

Without a dissenting voice the Senate adopted a resolution offered by Mr. Harding providing for an immediate investigation of the shipping situation by the Committee on Commerce.

A general reorganization of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will follow the resignation of Rear Admiral Harris and the appointment as general manager of Charles Piez of Chicago, Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board announced today. Rear Admiral Bowles, aide to Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization. James Heyworth will take full charge of wooden construction and Charles Day will become manager of the production department.

Admiral Harris's resignation was accepted, Chairman Hurley announced, because of his insistence on moving the offices of the corporation to Philadelphia. He also wanted to give immediate approval to an expenditure of \$12,000,000 for housing operations in connection with the ship yards. These propositions Mr. Hurley felt, he said, should be passed on by the trustees. Admiral Harris then expressed the opinion that his authority was to be limited and that he could render more service elsewhere.

Of the appointment of Mr. Piez, Mr. Hurley said: "The grasp of Mr. Piez upon the whole shipbuilding programme has been so strong and his knowledge of actual conditions in the yards so definite as a result of his study in the field that the best results can be obtained by combining his function as vice president with those of general manager."

"The result of the reorganization already is apparent in all the yards. Loyds has just made a report which shows that there is a better basis for optimism than there has been at any time since the emergency programme was launched. Conditions on the Pacific coast have so improved that records are being broken in the speed with which ships are being turned out."

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## JUST HOW THE STATES OF THE UNION STAND ON PROHIBITION ISSUE

There are now twenty-nine of the forty-eight States of the Union which are "bone dry." Of the nineteen states, many nearly went dry at recent elections held on amendments to their State constitutions.

Three-quarters of the total number of States must vote in favor of the Constitutional amendment through their Legislatures to make the amendment become binding. Therefore if the Legislatures of thirteen States should vote down the amendment it would fail of acceptance.

In other words, the "drys" will have to secure favorable action from the Legislatures of seven States now listed in the wet and local option column.

This is the way the States stand today on the prohibition question:

WET AND LOCAL OPTION. BONE DRY.

California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, West Virginia.

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## SUGAR TRUST HEAD SAYS HE WARNED HOOVER OF FAMINE

(Continued from First Page.)

"He will be in town more than some other witnesses."

Herbert W. Hienestock, New York grain and provision broker, testified that Louis Strauss, Hoover's secretary, had threatened to "steam roll" A. H. Lamborn, a sugar broker, "if he isn't careful."

"I offered my services to Strauss," said Hienestock. "In the course of the conversation Strauss asked me if I knew any New York food dealers. I mentioned A. H. Lamborn. Strauss said he was sorry I had done so."

"He said that while Hoover had the highest regard for Lamborn personally, yet Lamborn had better be careful or the steam roller would run over him."

"What did Strauss mean by that? Do you know?" asked Reed.

"I have no idea," replied the witness.

"Strauss didn't tell you why Lamborn was to be steam-rolled?" asked Senator Vardaman.

"No. He just said what I have

said you," said Hienestock, who was then excused.

A. H. Lamborn & Co. are the agents in this country for the British Royal Commission, which has charged the sugar problem for France and England.

A demand that the Food Administration use its influence to force a rise in the price of sugar beet was made to Hoover this afternoon by representatives of the beet growers of California, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. To-morrow they will meet with Chairman Reed of the Senate committee.

The growers say Lamborn's company has depressed the beet price. They claim to have statistics showing that his company can increase the price from the present figure, \$7.25 a ton, to \$12 and still make 50 per cent on the investment.

One refinery in the West controlled by the trust made \$15,000,000 last year, they say.

Harkin, Manager of Fire Trap Factory, Is Pardoned.

ALBANY, Dec. 18.—Gov. Whitman today granted a pardon to Samuel Harkin, convicted of manslaughter, second degree, in Kings County and serving a minimum sentence of one year and six months. Harkin was manager of the Diamond Candy Factory in Brooklyn which was burned in 1914, causing the loss of twelve lives. He was convicted of a violation of the labor laws in baiting factory exits.

Soldiers Elect Mayor of Cohoes. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Today's canvass of the soldier vote resulted in the election of Michael J. Foley, Democrat, as Mayor of Cohoes by a majority of twenty-nine. Before the soldier ballots had been counted James A. Calkins, Republican, had been elected Mayor, having led by a majority of twenty-seven. There were no other important changes in Albany County.

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## PENNY CANDY

A Busy Switchboard

ANTA CLAUS IS CHIEF OPERATOR and he has all his wires busy. It is his mission to send Christmas Cheer to the boys on the Battleships and in the Training Camps. It is easy to connect YOU with YOUR Soldier or Sailor Boy. What shall he say for you? After you read this, carefully we are sure you'll have some sweet message to send him.

Attractive Holiday Offerings:

OLD FASHION CLEAR TOYS—Little ones without the precision of red and yellow animals. This year the arcade will be better than ever. FOUNDED BOXES 25c

ASSORTED MILK CHOCOLATES—This collection introduces practically to end of thousands of centres, comprising the best of Swiss, French, German, Danish, and American. FOUNDED BOXES 54c

TRUNKET GOODIES—Contains High Grade Bon Bons and Chocolates and Bear Bells in assorted flavors. These are packed in richly lacquered wooden boxes with hinged covers and supplied with lock and key. When opened the smaller size boxes suggest themselves. Premium Cakes for the Kiddies, the larger ones as Adult Gifts. PRICES 49c & 69c

ST. NICHOLAS MILK CHOCOLATE FAMILY—Twelve cunning little figures of the jolly old chap, made from one famous Premium Milk Chocolate, cut up in attractively decorated boxes. PRICES 24c

"For the Boys Under the Colors"

CAMPFIRE PACKAGE—A series assortment of Crystal Balls, Assorted Butters, Molasses, Premium Cakes, Soup Balls, Mince Sticks, Giant Sticks, Barley Sugar Cuts, American Filled Confections, Lollipops, Cough Drops and Butterscotch Bar. PACKAGE COMPLETE 1.19

Special Offer to Churches, Sunday Schools & Institutions

30 Pounds of Metropolitan Mixed Candy and 60 half Lb. Boxes (No. 9) for \$5.55

30 Pounds of Old Fashion Clear Candy and 60 half Lb. Boxes